

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 172

By Niceley

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 30, 2015, as "Dave Foulk Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize March 30, 2015, as "Dave Foulk Day" in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dave Foulk is a native of Knoxville and a 1977 graduate of The University of Tennessee, where he earned a degree in political science from that school's College of Liberal Arts; and

WHEREAS, he is a legendary radio broadcaster and television personality who began his career in Knoxville working at both WEZK Radio and WTVK TV before migrating south and spending fifteen years working in the Atlanta broadcast market; and

WHEREAS, in Atlanta, Mr. Foulk worked for WSB Radio as a street news reporter, news anchor, traffic reporter known as "Capt. Dave," news director, and program director; and

WHEREAS, Dave Foulk is a highly respected and reliable news reporter who has worked alongside national news media in coverage of stories; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, he returned to Knoxville and began employment with WNOX Radio, which later became WOKI. He filled the same roles there as he had in Atlanta, but soon forayed into talk show host assignments and ultimately organized the start-up of Knoxville's first news-talk format; and

WHEREAS, Dave Foulk is widely recognized in the Knoxville media market as a forerunner in the integration of computer-assisted technology into newsrooms and broadcast booths. His was one of the first computer-centered radio newsrooms in the South; he was the first Knoxville radio personality to use a Facebook fan page and to maintain a Twitter account; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Foulk is no stranger to awards and recognitions from his professional field; he received the International Radio Festival of New York's Gold Medal; three of the Society of Professional Journalists' Green Eyeshade Awards, as well as its Best of Radio for WNOX; six Edward R. Murrow Awards; United Press International's National Award for Spot News Coverage; and more than a dozen state first-place awards from various wire services in a number of reporting categories; and

WHEREAS, greatly gratified by his broadcasting career accomplishments, Dave Foulk is perhaps most proud of the long and loving thirty-eight-year marriage he has with his wife, Dena Drinnon Foulk. He is the proud parent of daughters and spouses, Bethany and Brian Leatherwood and Julia and Adam Wilson, and son and spouse, Jonathan and Brooke Foulk; and

WHEREAS, Dave Foulk is adored by his eight grandchildren, whose attention he relishes; they are Joshua and Sarah Leatherwood; Turner, Ellie, and Hadley Foulk; and Rowan, Asher, and Gideon Wilson; and

WHEREAS, upon his diagnosis with stage IV colon cancer in the fall of 2014, Mr. Foulk began using his public popularity both on radio and in social media to share his experiences and chronicle his treatment in order to raise greater awareness about how important preventive measures and regular checkups are to battling this deadly disease; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly now recognize March 30, 2015, as a day of honor for this outstanding Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize March 30, 2015, as "Dave Foulk Day" in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.